ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಹೆಗಡೆ.—ಗೋವಾ ಅಧಿವೇಶನದಲ್ಲಿ ಅದಂಥ ನಿರ್ಣಯ ಒಂದು ಪಕ್ಷದ ನಿರ್ಣಯ. ಆ ಪಕ್ಷದ ನಿರ್ಣಯವನ್ನು ಈ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಮರ್ಥಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ. ಗೌರ್ನಮೆಂಟ್ ಆಫ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾದವರು ಯಾವ ನಿರ್ಣಯವನ್ನೂ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದನ್ನು ಸೂಕ್ತ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆರಾಗುವುದು ಎನ್ನತಕ್ಕದ್ದರ ಅರ್ಥ ಏನೆಂದರೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸಾಧಕಬಾಧಕಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರ ಮಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಪಾಲಿಸಿಯನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವಂಥಾದ್ದು ಇದ್ದರೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಸರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ನಾವು ಒಂದು ನಿರ್ಣಯ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—What is the reaction of the Central Government to the scrapping of prohibition by the State Governments? Has the State Government received any circular from the Central Government in this behalf?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—No. The Central Government's attitude is very clear. The Central Government has agreed to give 50 per sent subsidy to compensate the loss likely to result on account of the introduction of prohibition in wet States. There is no directive or circular to the effect that the State Government must introduce prohibition.

Central Government Employees Strike

184. Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Central Government employees arrested in Mysore State in connection with the September 19th Token Strike ;

(*b*) the number of them arrested prior to the strike and those after the strike ;

(*c*) the number of persons against whom cases have been filed and under what provision of law ;

(*d*) whether any circulars/instructions/advice has been received by the State Government from the Central Government to review the cases and withdraw them ;

(*e*) the action the Government has taken to withdraw the cases against the Central Government Employees?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) 138 employees.

(*b*) Nine persons were arrested bofore the strike and the remaining 129 persons were arrested during and after the strike.

(*c*) 410 persons under section 4 of the Essential Services Maintenance Ordinance.

15 persons under section 5 of the Essential Services Maintenance Ordinance.

1 person under sections 5 and 7 of the Ordinance.

(SRI VEERENDRA PATIL)

1 person under sections 4 and 5 of the Essential Services Maintenance Ordinance.

32 persons under section 3, Clause (4) (a) read with section 4 of the Ordinance.

(*d*) It would not be in public interest to disclose this information.

(*e*) No such action has been taken.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, (ಈ) ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹಿತ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಈ ತರಹ ನಲಹೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆನ್ನುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ? ಈ ಕೇಸುಗಳನ್ನು ವಾಪಸು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ವಿಚಾರವಲ್ಲಿ ಲೀನಿಯೆಂಟ್ ಆಗಿ ಇರಬೇಕು ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿವೆಯೇ? ಹೀಗಿದ್ದಾಗ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹಿತದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದರೆ ಅರ್ಥವೇನು, ಸ್ವಾಮಿ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I disallow that question. When the Government claims that it cannot be disclosed in public interest, that is the last word and no further supplementaries can be put.

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—I rise to a point of order.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Not now. The Hon'ble Member may raise it after the question hour.

Sri AZEEZ SAIT.—We are the Government and there can be no hide and seek from us. This is the peoples' government.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—He must satisfy me how it is in public interest that the information cannot be disclosed. He cannot simply say that it is in public interest not to disclose the information. I cannot be shut out that way from getting the answer.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Government has a right to claim that in public interest the information cannot be given. Then the Speaker has no power to compel Government to answer. I disallow the supplementary. The Hon'ble member can put another supplementary.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—Are you aware that there is a decision of the Cabinet Sub-Committee recently published in the Press that prosecutions launched against striking employees have to be withdrawn and their absence has to be condoned and they must be taken back to work? Are you prepared to withdraw the cases launched against 410 and odd Central Government employees?

† Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I am not aware of any such decision by the Central Government Cabinet Sub-Committee.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—You are expected to be aware of it. Even if you are not aware of it, are you prepared to withdraw these cases against the Central Government employees in Mysore State in view of the fact that the strike itself was not widespread and did not result in violence here and also in view of the fact that the general policy of the Government is to treat them very leniently?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—So far as my Government is concerned, I can say that we are not thinking of withdrawing these cases. We are of the opinion that the law should take its own course.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—May I know whether it is the policy or attitude of the Government to continue like this with regard to the strike? A Central telegraphic official was arrested only 3 or 4 days back.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—As I said just now, if anybody has committed a mistake he has to be punished. Simply because one happens to be a Central Government employee, he cannot claim any immunity or privilege. He has to be treated as the ordinary citizen of the State or the country.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಲ್. ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯ.—ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರಕಾರದವರು ದಸ್ತಗಿರಿ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂಚೆ ಕೇರಳ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ದಸ್ತಗಿರಿ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಾಗ ಆ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರಕಾರ ಪ್ರತಿಭಟಿಸಿತೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಕೇರಳ ವಿಚಾರ ನಾನು ಹೇಗೆ ಹೇಳಲಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಚ್. ರಂಗನಾಥ.—138 ಜನರನ್ನು ಯಾವ ತಪ್ಪಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಲಾಯಿತು?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಅದನ್ನು ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲೇ ಹೇಳಿದೆ.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—May I know the total number of employees who were on strike on the 19th?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಆ ಸಮಾಚಾರ ದೊರೆಯುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Though, in Mysore State, the Central Government employees have decided not to go on strike, why were they arrested?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Our Police officers have arrested only those who have committed an offence under the Act.

Alteration in Mysore Excise Rules

193. Sri V. N. PATIL (Humnabad).—

Will the Minister for Finance, Planning and Youth Welfare be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that some alterations in rule (19) of the Mysore Excise (Disposal of privileges of retail vend of liquor) 1967 were effected unauthorisedly by the Excise Commissioner during the recent auctions ;

(*b*) if so, the actual alterations made ;

(*c*) whether these alterations have resulted in certain relaxations in favour of the Excise Contractors and acted adverse to the interest of the Government ;

(*d*) if so, reasons for effecting such relaxation in the rules ;

(*e*) whether Government have been informed of this relaxation ;

(*f*) if not, reasons for not so doing ;

(*g*) whether Government was moved to simplify the procedure mentioned under the rule (19) before relaxation of rules ;

(*h*) if so, number and date of proposal made in this regard ;